

Company, LLC, and thereby engage in investment advisory services, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of Regulation Y; and MMC&P Retirement Benefit Services, Inc., and thereby provide employee benefit third party administrator and actuarial consulting services, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(9)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 3, 2000.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than August 4, 2000.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York** (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *The Industrial Bank of Japan*, Tokyo, Japan; to acquire 11.8 percent of the voting shares of The Dai-Ichi Kangyo

Fuji Trust & Banking Company, Ltd, Tokyo, Japan, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of DKF Trust Company (USA), New York, New York.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 5, 2000.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**TIME AND DATE:** 4 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 2000.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

**STATUS:** Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: July 6, 2000.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Publication of Recommendations Relating to HIPAA Health Data Standards

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, (Section 1172 (f), Subtitle F of Pub. L. 104-191), requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publish in the **Federal Register** any recommendation of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) regarding the adoption of a data standard under that law. Accordingly, the full text of the NCVHS comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued by HHS entitled "Standards for the Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information" is reproduced below. The text of the comments has also been available on the NCVHS website and the HHS Administrative Simplification website: <http://ncvhs.hhs.gov/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the Secretary of Health and Human Services is required to adopt standards for specified administrative health care transactions to enable information to be exchanged electronically, as well as security standards. The law requires that, within 24 months of adoption, all health plans, health care clearinghouses and health care providers who choose to conduct these transactions electronically must comply with these standards. In addition, the law outlined a process leading to the development of standards to protect the privacy of individually identifiable health information.

In preparing these reports and recommendations, the Secretary is required to consult with the NCVHS, the statutory public advisory body to HHS on health data, privacy and health information policy. On February 7, 2000 the Committee submitted a set of public comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued by HHS entitled "Standards for the Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information."

In accordance with the law, the full text of the NCVHS comments is published below.

February 7, 2000, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Attention: Privacy-P, Room G-322A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D. C. 20201.

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), I am pleased to forward to you our recommendations on the notice of proposed rule-making for standards for